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Mitra,

In response to the mailed communication referenced above as well as our two teleconferences, your attention to this application and patience with this writer's relative unfamiliarity of office communications is appreciated.

As stated in said mailed communication:

"Detailed Action

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a basketball-training device, classified in class 473, subclass 433
 - II. Claim 19, drawn to a method for returning basketballs to any area of the court, classified in class 473, subclass 422."

"Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include
 (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and
 (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention."

"The election of an invention of species may be made with or without traverse."

To fulfill requirement (i) & (ii) above, I elect and please examine claims 1-18, classified in class 473, subclass 433.

Regarding the question of whether to traverse or not, I elect not to traverse this election.

Traversing a restriction requirement often has the unfortunate consequence of putting remarks into the record which may limit the scope of the claims. In retrospect the process claim may have been better stated so that it more closely aligned with claims 1 through 18.

Thank you again for your attention and patience in this matter.

Sincerely,



Philip Jeffery Seaman